

Press On: Praising God for His Direction

Psalm 1:1-6

# **Sermon Series Summary**

Have you ever gone through moments, days, or weeks and just felt compelled to "PRAISE" God or shout a loud voice of "THANKSGIVING?" We live in a world that is continually bombarding us with obstacles that strive to take our focus off of praising God. This series helps you refocus your attention on putting God first and foremost as the predominate point of praise in your life.

# Main Passage

**Psalm 1:1-6** (ESV) – ¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ²but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Big Idea – Choose Thanksgiving for God's Love, Truth, and Direction

#### **Discernment and Direction in 3D**

#### D - Desire the Word of God and Find True Joy

**Psalm 1:1-2** (ESV) – ¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ²but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

■ **Key Point** – The first part of the 3D model presented in Psalm 1 deals with desire. Our greatest desire in life should be upon the Lord and His Word not the things of this world. This will provide great joy for your life.

### D - Discover the Blessing of the Fruit of Faithfulness

**Psalm 1:3-5** (ESV) – <sup>3</sup>He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. <sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. <sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

■ **Key Point** – The second part of the 3D model presented in Psalm 1 deals with discovering God's blessing. If you want the blessing of the Lord in life then you must pursue Him through prayer, study of the Word, and obedience.

### D - Determine Your Footsteps to Reap an Eternal Reward

**Psalm 1:6** (ESV) – for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

■ **Key Point** –The final part of the 3D model presented in Psalm 1 deals with determination. You must determine your footsteps in this life in order to build your life on the solid foundation of the Word of God instead of one that will crumble and fall.

### **Memory Verse**

**1 Thessalonians 5:18** – Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

# Challenge:

Remind yourself that your responsibility, before the Lord, is to apply the truths you have discovered in the Word of God. As you reflect on this message, help others turn their disbelief into belief by...

- Inviting others to a Sunday morning service
- Inviting others to Bible study
- Asking others how you could pray for them